

proceedings and consideration of whether the withdrawal is needed for sage grouse conservation. Accordingly, this notice announces that the BLM is now re-initiating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to inform the Secretary's consideration of whether to withdraw any of the lands proposed for withdrawal. This notice does not segregate any of the lands described in the proposal, which, subject to any overlapping withdrawals, remain open to location and entry under the mining laws.

DATES: The BLM will shortly issue a new draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) initiating a public comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Deibert, National Sage-grouse Coordinator (Acting), BLM Headquarters, at email: blm_hq_sfa_withdrawal@blm.gov; telephone: 307-757-3709. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Seibert during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 24, 2015, a Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 57635), as corrected (80 FR 63583), which provided notice of the proposal to withdraw approximately 10 million acres of Federal lands in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming from location and entry under the United States mining laws for 20 years, subject to valid existing rights. The lands included in the proposed action are National System of Public Lands and National Forest System lands administered by the BLM and the United States Forest Service (USFS). The BLM is the agency lead for this proposed withdrawal.

On December 30, 2016, a Notice of Amended Proposed Withdrawal, Release of Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and Notice of Public Meetings; Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming was published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 96478). The amended proposal added 387,981.42 acres in the State of Nevada and proposed boundary refinements in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming that were identified because of legal land description refinements. The notice released for public comment a draft EIS,

which analyzed and disclosed the impacts of the proposed withdrawal. The notice included a summary of scoping comments, the issues analyzed, and the alternatives considered in the draft EIS. The draft EIS can be found on BLM's National NEPA Register at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/70697/510> (DOI-BLM-WO-WO3500-2016-0002-EIS). The BLM sought comments on the draft EIS from December 30, 2016, through March 28, 2017. The BLM received approximately 4,200 comment submissions on the draft EIS, of which approximately 192 submissions were unique.

A Notice of Cancellation of Withdrawal Application and Withdrawal Proposal and Notice of Termination of Environmental Impact Statement was published on October 11, 2017, in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 47248), which stated that the BLM had determined the lands were no longer needed in connection with the proposed withdrawal, and terminated the preparation of an EIS evaluating the application and proposal. The BLM canceled the application prior to responding to public comments and publishing a final EIS.

The cancellation was then vacated by the Court on February 11, 2021 (Western Watersheds Project v. Bernhardt, Case No. 1:16-cv-00083-BLW, EFC 264). The Court ordered the BLM to consider "whether the withdrawal is needed for sage-grouse conservation," and that "[s]uch proceedings shall include re-initiation of the NEPA process."

To comply with the Court's order and to review issues raised during the initial scoping and comment period for the draft EIS published on December 30, 2016, the BLM will issue a new draft EIS and publish an NOA initiating a public comment period. The withdrawal proposal will continue to be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300. The process will inform a final decision as to whether to withdraw any of the lands proposed for withdrawal from location and entry under the mining laws. This notice does not segregate the lands because the segregation period for this withdrawal proposal expired on September 24, 2017. All the lands (unless subject to an existing withdrawal) remain open to location and entry under the mining laws.

The lands included in the withdrawal application were published in the previous notices. A description of the lands is posted on BLM's National NEPA Register at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/70697/510> (DOI-BLM-WO-WO3500-2016-0002-EIS). Non-Federal

mineral lands located within the boundaries of the proposed withdrawal areas will not be affected.

Thirty-one agencies and two American Indian Tribes entered into cooperating agency agreements with the BLM for the EIS process. The BLM will re-initiate participation with cooperating agencies for this NEPA process.

The BLM also contacted 53 American Indian governments via letter or face-to-face meetings during scoping and prior to the release of the draft EIS. The governments were provided a project update, an offer to provide more information, and an offer for government-to-government consultation. The BLM will re-initiate consultation with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies for this NEPA process.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1), the BLM previously determined that the proposed SFA withdrawal is an undertaking that has no potential to affect historic properties, assuming such historic properties were present, and therefore the agency official has no further obligation under the National Historic Preservation Act. The BLM informed 53 American Indian governments; the Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming State Historic Preservation Offices; and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation of this determination of effect. This previous determination by the BLM remains accurate and will not be changed during re-initiated consideration of the withdrawal proposal.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Cedar Creek and Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the National Park Service is hereby giving notice that the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National

Historical Park Advisory Commission (Commission) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (EASTERN).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Middletown Town Hall Council Chambers, 7875 Church Street, Middletown, VA 22645. Enter through the rear of the building which leads directly into the council chambers. A teleconference may substitute for an in-person meeting if public health restrictions are in effect. Additional information will be made available on the Park's website: <https://www.nps.gov/cebe/index.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Beck-Herzog, Site Manager, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, P.O. Box 700, Middletown, Virginia 22645, telephone (540) 868-9176, or visit the park website: <https://www.nps.gov/cebe/index.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission was designated by Congress to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior on the preparation and implementation of the park's general management plan and to advise on land protection (16 U.S.C. 410iii-7). Individuals who are interested in the park, the implantation of the plan, or the business of the Commission are encouraged to attend the meeting. This meeting is open to the public. Interested members of the public may present, either orally or through written comments, information for the Commission to consider during the public meeting. Attendees and those wishing to provide comment are strongly encouraged to preregister through the contact information provided. A detailed final agenda will be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting on the Commission's website at <https://www.nps.gov/cebe/learn/management/park-advisory-commission.htm>.

Purpose of the Meeting: The topics to be discussed include: general management plan next steps, visitor services and interpretation, land protection planning, historic preservation, and natural resource protection.

Commission meetings consist of the following:

1. General Introductions
2. Review and Approval of Commission Meeting Notes
3. Reports and Discussions
4. Old Business
5. New Business

6. Public Comments

7. Closing Remarks

Public Disclosure of Comments:

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the National Park Service (NPS) is hereby giving notice that the Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee (Committee) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The virtual meeting will take place on Thursday, September 23, 2021. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., with a public comment period at 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (EASTERN). Please contact Daphne Yun (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than September 21, 2021, to receive instructions for accessing the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: This will be a virtual meeting. Anyone interested in attending or submitting a public comment should contact Daphne Yun, Acting Public Affairs Officer, Gateway National Recreation Area, 210 New York Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10305, or by telephone (718) 815-3651, or by email daphne_yun@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established on April 18, 2012, by authority of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) under 54 U.S.C. 100906, and is regulated by the Federal

Advisory Committee Act. The Committee provides advice to the Secretary, through the Director of the NPS, on matters relating to the Fort Hancock Historic District of Gateway National Recreation Area. All meetings are open to the public.

Purpose of the Meeting: The Gateway National Recreation Area will discuss park and leasing updates, updates from working groups, including an update on the Stillman proposal. The final agenda will be posted on the Committee's website at <https://www.forthancock21.org>. The website includes meeting minutes from all prior meetings.

Interested persons may present, either orally or through written comments, information for the Committee to consider during the public meeting. Written comments will be accepted prior to, during, or after the meeting. Members of the public may submit written comments for consideration by the Committee to Daphne Yun (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Due to time constraints during the meeting, the Committee is not able to read written public comments submitted into the record. Individuals or groups requesting to make oral comments at the public Committee meeting will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. All comments will be made part of the public record and will be electronically distributed to all Committee members. Detailed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting.

Public Disclosure of Comments: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your written comments, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information will be publicly available. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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